

Spring 2023 Course Descriptions

Birding Basics

Bill Deutsch, Instructor

Tuesdays | 8:00am - 9:30am | Meet at Sunny Slope

Enrollment Limit: 15

This course is primarily for the beginning birder and will be field-oriented. Inside class time will be used to talk about the natural history of birds, bird identification by sight and ear, identification aids, attracting birds around the home, and local birding locations. Most of our class time will be spent outdoors birding in the Auburn area at local parks and nature centers.

**Dr. Bill Deutsch is a Research Fellow, Emeritus, in the Auburn University School of Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Aquatic Sciences. He worked as an aquatic ecologist and environmental educator for forty years, including as the co-founder and director of Alabama Water Watch, an AU-based program for promoting citizen volunteer water monitoring, environmental education, and improved water policies.*

Chinese Brush Painting

Dong Shang, Instructor

Mondays | 12:30pm – 2:00 pm | Sunny Slope Annex

Enrollment: 11

This hands-on course is an introduction to Chinese brush painting and calligraphy. Chinese painting attempts to capture the essence of nature. It is the art of using suggestion and simplicity to imply reality. The sense of harmony that pervades Chinese culture is expressed in the traditional subjects of flowers, animals, and landscapes. Learn the basic brush strokes, composition, and spontaneous-style painting techniques.

Class Fee: \$110, payable to the instructor.

Please make checks payable to Dong or make a Zelle payment at 2293476293. Required materials should be purchased from Dong by emailing her at dongshang@hotmail.com. Dong will have the supplies available at the first class meeting.

**Dong Shang is a native of China and has a degree in art. She immigrated to the United States as an art designer, where she worked as a freelance artist and art teacher.*

The Columbian Exchange, Part III

Rod Rodriguez-Kabana, Instructor

Thursdays | 9:00 am – 10:30 am | Sunny Slope Annex

Enrollment limit: 40

A continuation of previous classes by the same name, this class will cover new material and be of interest to previous students and newcomers alike. The class examines the repercussions of the “discovery” and settlement of the American continent by Europeans on indigenous populations, on Europeans, and indeed the world. Emphasis will be given to the effects resulting from deliberate, and fortuitous, interchanges of plants and crops, animals, livestock, and pathogens and diseases. The course considers the differences between the Spanish world in 1492 and the New World. This will be followed by descriptions of the effects and significance of Eurasian plants and animals in the New World and conversely of New World plants and animals in the Old World. The terrible consequences of the inadvertent interchange of human pathogens between the European and New World indigenous populations will also be discussed.

**Rod Rodriguez-Kabana is an Emeritus Distinguished University Professor who taught and performed research for 50 years at Auburn University in the Department of Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Microbiology. He taught courses on cropping systems, plant nematology, and plant pathology and presented numerous lectures on the impact of European and American cultures on Agriculture, Science, and Engineering, as well as shaping the thinking and ideology of peoples on both sides of the Atlantic and the world in general.*

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Culinary Creations: Cooking with Ursula Higgins

Wednesdays | 3/29, 4/5, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3 | 2:30 – 5:30

Thursdays | 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4 | 2:00 – 5:00

503 Sanders Street, Auburn

Enrollment limit: 7

Course fee: \$15 per class, paid to the instructor.

Ursula Higgins presents a series of hands-on cooking classes. Each week there are two class options with the same menu. Students prepare, cook, and eat their culinary creations. If you have dietary restrictions, please contact Ursula.

If a student registers for a class but is unable to attend, he or she is responsible for finding an OLLI academic member to fill the opening or pay the \$15 fee for the missed class.

Register for individual classes by using the day's course code:

Date	Time	Class	Course Code
March 23 rd	2:00p – 5:00p	Knife Skills	A23203
March 29 th	2:30p – 5:30p	From Sea to Table	A23204
March 30 th	2:00p – 5:00p	From Sea to Table	A23205
April 5 th	2:30p – 5:30p	Small Plates Appetizers et al	A23206
April 6 th	2:00p – 5:00p	Small Plates Appetizers et al	A23207
April 19 th	2:30p – 5:30p	An Italian Dinner	A23208
April 20 th	2:00p – 5:00p	An Italian Dinner	A23209
April 26 th	2:30p – 5:30p	A Spring Lunch	A23210
April 27 th	2:00p – 5:00p	A Spring Lunch	A23211
May 3 rd	2:30p – 5:30p	Easy Pizza	A23212
May 4 th	2:00p – 5:00p	Easy Pizza	A23213

**Ursula Higgins is a retired restaurateur and professional caterer who pioneered good food and fine dining in the Auburn/Opelika area. She is chair of the OLLI at Auburn Social Committee.*

The Coldest War

Mike Jernigan Instructor

Tuesdays | 9:00 am – 10:30 am | Pebble Hill

Enrollment limit: 40

Join us as we explore World War II in Scandinavia and the North Atlantic, including the sinking of the German battleship Tirpitz, the Arctic Convoys to Russia, and the Battle of the Atlantic.

**Mike Jernigan is a regular lecturer on George Petrie & other Auburn topics at the AU Center for Arts & Humanities He has an M.A. in history, served as the World & AP European history teacher at Lee-Scott Academy for 13 years, and is the author of two books: Auburn Man: The Life and Times of George Petrie and After the Arena, with late former Auburn football coach Pat Dye. Mike is also a destination lecturer for Viking Ocean Cruises & other cruise lines.*

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European Diplomacy: 1940 - 1942

Joseph Kicklighter, Instructor

Tuesdays | 2:30pm – 4:00pm | Pebble Hill and Zoom

In-person enrollment limit: 40

In the second part of a three-term series on European Diplomatic History, the instructor will explore the relations between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union the Russo-Finnish war, and the French government of Petain.

**Dr. Joseph Kicklighter, Professor Emeritus of Medieval History at Auburn University, taught there from 1975 to 2015 and still teaches part-time there. An undergraduate at the University of the South, he received his Ph.D. at Emory University. He has been teaching for OLLI since 2015.*

Exploring Drawing with Colored Pencils

Margee Bright-Ragland, Instructor

Mondays | 4:00pm – 5:30pm | Sunny Slope Annex

Enrollment limit: 13

Each class will learn a different application using colored pencils. Color theory and harmony will be taught in all classes.

Required materials should be purchased by the student before the first class:

A large set of colored pencils. Prismacolor preferred.

Bristol Paper

Pencil sharpener

Erasers

Brushes

**Margee Bright-Ragland earned her B.F.A. from Auburn University (1970) and her MA in Visual Arts from Georgia State University (1974). From 1975 she was a professor of art at Atlanta's Georgia Perimeter College (later Georgia State University Perimeter College), teaching art appreciation, drawing, and watercolor. She is also a professional artist whose works have been exhibited throughout the United States, Europe, and Latin America. Her fiber work, Birds in Landscape, is part of Georgia's State Art Collection.*

The Great American Story: A Land of Hope (PART II)

Jim Barber and Herb Shivers, Instructors

Mondays | 9:00 am – 10:30 am | Sunny Slope Annex and Zoom

In-Person Enrollment Limit: 40

In-class instructors Jim Barber and Herb Shivers will facilitate discussion around video lectures by Hillsdale College faculty Larry P. Ann, Ph.D., and Wilfred M. McClay, Ph.D. Part II of the course continues to explore the history of America as a land of hope founded on high principles. In presenting the great triumphs and achievements of our nation's past, as well as the shortcomings and failures, it offers a broad and unbiased study of the kind essential to the cultivation of intelligent patriotism.

**Jim Barber holds a BCE degree from Auburn University with additional studies at Villanova University, University of Houston, and Sacramento State. He has 54 years of experience in construction, engineering design, project management, and international shipping/transportation and trade. He was a business owner for 32 years. Science and history are at both ends of his happiness rainbow. His wife Mary Frances is the entire rainbow.*

**An AU OLLI member since 2012, Dr. Charles H. "Herb" Shivers, is a member of the OLLI at Auburn Advisory Council Executive Committee and is a retired UAB Professor. Shivers also retired from NASA and the Senior Executive Service and worked with the Tennessee Valley Authority, US Army, and National Guard. Herb and Alisa are from Alexander City and live in Auburn.*

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History of Architecture and Art, Part III

Philip Fretwell, Instructor

Thursdays | 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm | Sunny Slope Classroom

Enrollment limit: 12

A serialized history of architecture and art with interspersed references to the history and evolution of the cosmos followed by the appearance and evolution of humankind and its creations.

**Philip Fretwell is a local architect who formerly taught at Auburn University. He was also the State Building Commissioner of Alabama. He has previously taught several courses for OLLI.*

Introduction to Drawing Faces, Part II

John Willer, Instructor

Thursdays | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Sunny Slope Annex

Enrollment limit: 12

Learn what to look for, plan, and how to structure facial drawings. Learn to see what makes a recognizable individual. The class will cover, understanding proportions, bone structure, and shading.

Required materials: Sketchbook or Newsprint paper -11x14 or 16x20, Medium Grade Charcoal stick, 4B Pencil, earth tone colored drawing pastels, White drawing chalk, rags for wiping. Other materials may be added as students progress. If you have any questions about the materials, please contact the instructor at 479-981-0548.

Materials cost: \$20-25

**John Willer (MFA, Memphis Academy of Art) has had a successful lifetime career in painting and drawing. His work is represented in galleries and well-known collections, including the Alice Walton private collection.*

iPhone Photography: How to get pro-looking photos with your iPhone camera

Mike Akins, Instructor

Tuesdays | 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm | Auburn Public Library Conference Room (4 weeks)

Enrollment limit: 20

This course offers iPhone camera users a chance to participate in guided, personalized practice activities to up their iPhone photo skills. Practice in friendly, no-pressure sessions. Join us to discover best practices for shooting, editing, organizing, and sharing pro-level-looking photos, including the latest iPhone updates. All iPhone photographers are welcome from beginners to advanced. *You may use any iPhone model.* The course includes in-class hands-on photo activities; a guided, personalized photo project; and fun photo challenges to do in between sessions. We cover all Camera App settings and controls and other photo apps.

Required: Please have your iPhone charged and handy to follow Mike's live demos of the iPhone settings, the Camera App, and other apps.

**Mike Akins (Ph.D., M.S. Educational Technology) is an online learning producer, videographer, and personal tech trainer who collaborates with educators and creatives. He lives in Opelika, AL with his wife Betsy. Mike and Betsy are active OLLI members.*

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Land of the Gauchos: Southern South America

Sonny Dawsey, Instructor

Tuesdays | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | Pebble Hill

Enrollment limit: 40

This course will explore the unique landscapes and history of the three nations centered on South America's Rio de la Plata: Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay. Largely ignored by Spanish colonizers, this region became a center of wealth and productivity in the early Twentieth Century. In recent years, however, growth has been limited by political and economic challenges. We will examine the intertwined elements of culture and geography that have shaped these remarkable countries and their citizens.

** Dr. Sonny Dawsey grew up in Brazil and has traveled widely in Latin America. For over three decades he was Professor of Geography and Director of the Institute for Latin American Studies at Auburn University. Since retiring, he has taught a wide variety of courses for OLLI.*

Learning Spanish: How to Understand and Speak a New Language, Level 1, Part II

Sylvia Cooke, Instructor

Tuesdays | 9:00 am – 10:30 am | Sunny Slope Classroom

Enrollment limit: 14

This first year, second quarter Spanish is the perfect class for a beginner. This Great Courses DVD class is designed to cover the curriculum of a first-semester college course in Spanish. Throughout the lessons, you'll explore how to learn a language and start communicating. With Instructor Sylvia Cook as your classroom guide, the Great Courses instructor, and world-class language instructor Professor Bill Worden of the University of Alabama, will present his step-by-step system that works the best for adult learners. As an integral part of the language lessons, he teaches a set of learning strategies that will enable you to be a successful language learner and help you actively use and remember the material.

Required Book: *Learning Spanish Workbook* available during the first session for \$20, check only, payable to Auburn University.

**Sylvia Cooke is retired after 32 years as a Spanish teacher, twenty of whom were at Auburn High School. She taught all levels of Spanish from beginning speakers through preparation for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examinations.*

Learning Spanish: How to Understand and Speak a New Language, Level 2, Part II

Sylvia Cooke, Instructor

Mondays | 9:00 am – 10:30 am | Sunny Slope Classroom

Enrollment limit: 14

If you've completed the first level of Learning Spanish or have the equivalent of a first-year Spanish course, this class will allow you to practice what you know while advancing into new territory, which will prepare you for more advanced conversations and enhance your ability to express yourself in Spanish on a wide range of subject matter. Sylvia Cook will be your in-class guide throughout the lessons as you explore how to learn the language. The Great Courses instructor, Professor Bill Worden of The University of Alabama, presents a cutting-edge language-learning system that has worked brilliantly for adult learners for over twenty years.

Required Book: *Learning Spanish II Workbook* available during the first class for \$20, check only, payable to Auburn University.

**Sylvia Cooke is retired after 32 years as a Spanish teacher, twenty of whom were at Auburn High School. She taught all levels of Spanish from beginning speakers through preparation for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examinations.*

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Line Dancing: Beginners

Betsy Keown and Wanda Knight, Instructors

Tuesdays | 9:00 am – 9:45 am | Boykin Community Gym (400 Boykin St., Auburn)

Enrollment limit: 25

This 45-minute class will introduce students to line dancing. Basic steps and dances will be taught. We will dance to a variety of music - everything from Glenn Miller to Willie Nelson, Charlie Daniels, Little Big Town, and many more. Not only is it fun, but great exercise for the body and the mind. Wear comfortable shoes, no taps, and bring a water bottle.

**Betsy Keown has been line dancing twice weekly for twelve years and teaching for the past seven. She loves the exercise and the joy of performing at nursing homes and other venues.*

**Wanda Knight has been line dancing for a little over nine years and has assisted Betsy Keown in several classes.*

Line Dancing: Intermediate

Betsy Keown and Wanda Knight, Instructors

Tuesdays | 10:00 am – 10:45 am | Boykin Community Gym (400 Boykin St., Auburn)

Enrollment limit: 25

This line dancing class is designed for those with some line dancing experience. We will listen and dance to a variety of music - everything from Glenn Miller to Willie Nelson, Charlie Daniels, Little Big Town, and many more. Not only is it fun, but great exercise for the body and the mind. Wear comfortable shoes, no taps, and bring a water bottle.

**Betsy Keown has been line dancing twice weekly for twelve years and teaching for the past seven. She loves the exercise and the joy of performing at nursing homes and other venues.*

**Wanda Knight has been line dancing for a little over nine years and has assisted Betsy Keown in several classes.*

Local Naturalists on Local Nature, Part II

Gary Wagoner, Coordinator

Mondays | 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm | Pebble Hill

Enrollment limit: 60

This team-taught course brings together six local naturalists to share their expertise on their chosen subjects. Our region possesses amazing natural diversity, and these instructors will each share knowledge of an area they have deeply studied and observed.

3/27 Debbie Folkerts: Pitcher plants and their insects.

**Dr. Folkerts is an Emeritus Professor in the AU Department of Biological Sciences. She earned her Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Georgia.*

4/3 Geoff Hill: The genetic basis for plumage coloration in birds

**Dr. Hill has been a professor at Auburn for 27 years and holds a Ph.D. in Biology from the University of Michigan. Dr. Hill leads an integrative research program at AU investigating the function and evolution of animal ornamentation.*

4/10 Mark Steltenpohl: Geology of Alabama

**Dr. Steltenpohl is an Emeritus Professor in the Auburn University Department of Geosciences. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. His field research focuses on the geology of Alabama but includes work in arctic Scandinavia, Poland, and East Greenland.*

4/17 Bill Deutsch: Alabama Rivers

**Bill Deutsch is a Research Fellow, Emeritus in the AU School of Fisheries, with degrees in Zoology, Biology, Anthropology, and Aquatic Ecology.*

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4/24 Patrick Thompson: Plant Conservation in the South

**Patrick Thompson is Curator of Special Collections, Arborist, and Conservation Gardener at AU's Davis Arboretum, and earned an MS in Horticultural Science from AU.*

5/1 Craig Guyer: Local Amphibians and Reptiles

**Dr. Guyer is an Emeritus Professor in the AU Department of Biological Sciences, with research interests in the conservation of endangered species and biogeography of amphibians and reptiles of the southeastern United States.*

Looking at Photography with a Critical Eye

Curtis Shannon, Facilitator

Thursdays | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | Sunny Slope Classroom

Enrollment limit: 12

If you have ever wondered why contemporary photography is interesting and how to engage with it, this course is for you. Join me, as we explore, the power of observation, the nature of photographs, developing a critical eye, mapping photographs, and picturing the South.

**Curtis Shannon has over 30 years of experience as a practicing photographer and lens-based artist.*

Mahjong SIG, Part I

Jackie McDonough, Facilitator

Tuesdays | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Sunny Slope kitchen and classroom

Enrollment limit: 12

Seventy percent luck and 30% skill...I like those odds! Come learn to play American Mahjong with us. Part 1 is for beginning Mahjong players and those who have forgotten how to play. **If you took Mahjong in the Fall or Winter, please sign up for Mahjong Part 2.** This is a special interest group (SIG). Any OLLI member, general or academic, may register for this SIG. Participants are encouraged to attend all sessions.

Mahjong SIG, Part II

Jackie McDonough, Facilitator

Wednesdays | 1:00 pm - 3:00pm | Sunny Slope kitchen and classroom

Enrollment limit: 12

This is a continuing group for those who took Mahjong in the Fall or Winter. Any OLLI member, general or academic, may register for this SIG. You are encouraged to attend all sessions.

Meditation SIG

Roberta Jackel, Facilitator

Thursdays | 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm | Sunny Slope Annex

Using Sharon Salzberg's book *Real Happiness* and related online resources, our group is meeting to discuss Salzberg's guide to starting and maintaining a meditation practice. Beginning with the simplest breathing and sitting techniques, and based on three key skills--concentration, mindfulness, and lovingkindness—we endeavor to meet, discuss and meditate together as we build our practices.

Suggested book: Sharon Salzberg, *Real Happiness: The Power of Meditation: A 28-Day Program*

This is a special interest group (SIG). Any OLLI member, general or academic, may register for this SIG.

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Navigating the Healthcare System

Jay (not the sheriff) Jones, Instructor

Wednesdays (3 Sessions) | 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm | Auburn Public Library Conference Room

Enrollment limit: 30

Understanding the twists and turns of the US Healthcare system can be confusing for many individuals three-part course will chart the history of healthcare in the US from then to now. We will look at payers and providers to better understand the system. The class will meet on 3/29, 4/5, and 4/12/23 only.

**With almost 40 years of healthcare experience including 20 years of inpatient and outpatient acute and post-acute care including physical rehabilitation, Jay Jones has been active in administration and new business development for numerous national organizations including HealthSouth, Hospital Corporation of America, Tenet Health, and others.*

Perceptual Optics

Brad Caldwell, Instructor

Tuesdays | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | Sunny Slope Annex

Enrollment limit: 40

Explore physical and geometrical optics of light emission and lenses, requirements for brain recreation of 3D visual scene.

**Brad Caldwell has a BS in Civil Engineering from Auburn University and has served as a Presenter at the 2023 Science of Consciousness Conference in Taormina Italy*

Pride and Prejudice and the Role of Letter Writing

Joyce Rothschild & Mary Ann Rygiel, Instructors

Wednesdays | 9:00 am – 10:30 am | Sunny Slope Annex (4-Week Course)

Enrollment limit: 20

This course examines the role (and art) of letter writing in *Pride and Prejudice*. We will examine the ways Jane Austen uses letters in the novel to summarize and advance the plot and to reveal characters, both letter writers and those reading or hearing the letters. We will discuss the cultural importance of letter writing in England, drawing on Barbara Heller's introduction to her specialized edition of the novel. The Heller edition, based on Heller's experience in film and television, contains 19 letters from the novel done by calligraphers on stationery selected to match each character. We will situate the novel at the end of the epistolary novel in 18th Century England; Austen wrote her first draft of the novel in 1795 as an epistolary novel. We will examine letters by Mr. Darcy, Elizabeth Bennet, Jane Bennet, the Gardiners, Mr. Collins, Mr. Bennet, Caroline Bingley, and Lydia Bennet.

Some familiarity with the novel or one of its film versions would be helpful. Discussion is encouraged.

Required Book: *Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen (any edition)

**Joyce Rothschild has a Ph.D. in English language and literature and taught for 28 years in the Auburn University English department.*

**Mary Ann Rygiel has a Ph.D. in English language and literature and has taught for 31 years. Both Joyce and Mary Ann have taught in OLLI before.*

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Qigong

Kitty Frey, Instructor

Wednesdays | 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Pebble Hill (Patio)

Enrollment limit: 20

In this outdoor class, we will explore Qigong. Qigong is an exercise that aligns breath, movement, and awareness or focus to enhance qi or energy flow. Qigong was developed in China and has been used as an exercise, a health and healing practice, and for martial arts development over thousands of years. Today qigong and taiji quan (tai chi), moving qigong, are being increasingly recognized in the West as safe effective ways of enhancing fitness of the mind and body and helping individuals deal with the stressors of modern life and chronic as well as degenerative diseases. It is easy to learn and very relaxing. You will be moving so please wear comfortable light-weight clothing and flat shoes (no heels). Bring an open mind and willingness to slow down.

**An occupational therapist and practitioner/instructor of mindful movement, Kitty Frey has been teaching community classes since 2004 to improve health & wellness and most recently decreasing the risk of falls through postural and movement awareness.*

Sail-Ho! Where away? Introducing Patrick O'Brian "the best author you never heard of."

Paul Rumph, Instructor

Wednesdays | 9:00 am – 10:30 am | Pebble Hill

Enrollment limit: 40

Introducing Patrick O'Brian, "the best author you never heard of!" In this course, we will get to know the all too human characters, explore the wonderful O'Brian writing style, and delve into the adventures of Captain Jack Aubrey and Dr. Stephen Maturin as they travel the world as officers of the British Navy during the Napoleonic wars. We introduce you to the lexicon and hear various passages from the series. These books have been called, "The best historical novels ever written." -Richard Snow, NY Times Book Review, '91. *Some outside reading is encouraged but not required.*

**Paul Rumph has taught veterinary anatomy and other courses at Auburn University for 52 years. He has also volunteered as an instructor for previous Olli courses: Human Anatomy and Physiology.*

Shorter Hikes at Chewacla State Park

Harold Bruner & Doug Lewis, Instructors

Mondays | 8:30 am – 10:30 am | Meet at Chewacla State Park, in in-person

No class fee, but you will need to pay the entrance fee of \$4.00 (People 62 and older are \$2.00)

Enrollment limit: 30

Enjoy a thorough introduction to nearby Chewacla State Park with shorter hikes of 2-3 miles each week. We will visit Town Creek, Moore's Mill Creek, Chewacla Creek, and Hidden Falls and cover most of the trails in the park. A small day pack is suggested. At least one hiking pole is mandatory; two poles are preferred.

**Harold is a retired forester who now hikes for fitness and pleasure. He has hiked extensively in much of the U.S. and in several Canadian provinces. Having spent more than 60 years in Indiana and Florida, he now enjoys the biodiverse landscape of Alabama.*

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Silver Sneakers

David Tillman, Instructor

Mondays and Fridays | 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | Max Fitness Center (189 E. University Dr. Auburn)

Max will be offering Silver Sneakers classes to OLLI members twice a week.

To take advantage of those classes you must either sign in as a member of the gym or as a Silver Sneakers member.

OLLI members will be offered a Max Fitness membership at a special discounted price. Check your insurance to determine if Silver Sneakers is covered at no cost to you. If not, you can join Max for \$25 a month, provided you sign a 6-month contract. This OLLI-exclusive package gives full access to the gym, waives the \$49 enrollment fee, reduces the 18-month commitment to 6 months, and reduces the monthly fee by 17%.

**David Tillman is a certified Silver Sneakers instructor.*

Spring Mysteries

Harold Bruner, Instructor

Tuesdays | 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm | Sunny Slope Annex

Enrollment limit: 25

In this course, we will read and discuss several mystery novels. Each discussion will be led by a different member of the class. The books are as follows:

Presumed Innocent by Scott Turow

The Man with a Load of Mischief by Martha Grimes

A Is for Alibi by Sue Grafton

**Harold Bruner is an active OLLI member who enjoys reading a variety of books. He has been facilitating book discussions for OLLI for a few years. Harold also serves on the Executive Committee for OLLI*

Staying Active - Day Hiking

Harold Bruner & Doug Lewis, Instructors

Thursdays | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm | Meet at Sunny Slope by 8:45 am unless otherwise directed.

Class sessions: We will hike every week, weather permitting.

There will be a \$5 hike fee to reimburse volunteer drivers if you ride with someone. A payment of \$20 to your account is due the first week that you hike.

Enrollment limit: 25

We will continue our tradition of moderate hikes of 5-10 miles within 60 miles or so of Auburn. This is a more advanced class with somewhat challenging terrain. You should be moderately fit and have experience in hiking these distances. If you have not hiked with this group before you will be asked to demonstrate your hiking proficiency before the first class. A small day pack is suggested. Hiking pole(s) is mandatory. The primary locations are different trails on or near Lake Martin, and FDR State Park near Pine Mountain, GA.

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The South Revisited in a Time of National Reckoning

Joel Martin, Instructor

Thursdays | 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm | Auburn Public Library Program Room

Enrollment limit: 20

Several leading intellectuals, historians, and journalists have published books recently recentering American history by focusing on the South. Why is this? What do they see? Is the South the source of the nation's problems or a possible location for their resolution? Join me as we discuss the South as Other; the South as Originator; and the South as Complex Puzzle

Suggested Books:

South Toward America by Imani Perry, ISBN 978-0062977373

The Southernization of America by Frye Galliard and Cynthia Tucker, ISBN: 978-1588384560

Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community by Martin Luther King, Jr. ISBN: 978-0807000670

The Crucible of Race by Joel Williamson ISBN: 019-95033825

**Joel Martin is a tenured professor in history and religious studies at Franklin and Marshall College, the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and the University of California Riverside, author of books on Native American history and religion and popular American film.*

Unraveling the Mystery of Oriental Rugs

Larry Gerber, Instructor

Wednesdays | 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm | Sunny Slope Annex

Enrollment limit: 40 (minimum 10)

This course will introduce the various types of hand-knotted oriental rugs, including Caucasian, Persian, Turkish, Afghan, and Turkoman rugs. The instructor will show examples of various types of rugs from his extensive personal collection and will also invite students to bring rugs to class for "show and tell."

**Larry Gerber is a retired AU Professor and has over 30 years of experience collecting antique oriental rugs.*

Walk This Way

Bob Banks, Instructor

Thursdays | 8:30 am – 9:30 am | Meet at Auburn Public Library

Enrollment limit: 30

Join us for this weekly program designed to assist you in developing a walking exercise program. Students will meet at Auburn Public Library each Thursday to learn about the benefits of walking. This course is open to novice and veteran walkers.

**Bob Banks is an avid runner. He is a retired ALFA insurance professional.*

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War, Peace, and Power: Diplomatic History of Europe, 1500-2000, Part II

John Parr, Instructor

Tuesdays | 9:00 am – 10:30 am | Sunny Slope Annex

Enrollment limit: 40

With OLLI classroom instructor and facilitator John Parr, this class will cover Part 2 of a 3-part series from The Great Courses taught by Professor Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius, Ph.D. which surveys wars, intervals of peace, and the pursuit of power as a goal of statecraft over the last 500 years. This course will examine the roles of remarkable individuals, governments, overarching structures, and non-state organizations in European international history from 1500 to 1815 and follow the European state system's development, involving many contending dynastic powers.

**John Parr served in US Navy for 22 years, enlisted as Seaman Recruit in 1960, and retired as Lieutenant Commander in 1982. Later, John was a professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Evansville in Indiana. John has a BS in Electrical Engineering from Auburn University; an MS in Electrical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School; and earned a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Auburn University. He and his wife are Auburn residents and have been OLLI members since 2013.*

Writing Our Lives

Ken Autrey & Mary Belk

Mondays | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | Pebble Hill

Enrollment limit: 40 (Minimum 10)

Two high school classmates soon to celebrate their 60-year class reunion reflect on their lives as writers and guide class members in writing personal narratives of their own. Each session will include some discussion of writing techniques and time for writing in class.

**Ken Autrey is a member of OLLI and Co-Chair of the Curriculum Committee. He teaches a poetry class each fall. Ken has taught at Francis Marion University. He has published columns, articles, and essays involving memoirs.*

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